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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

SUCCESSFUL ATLANTIC FLIES.
LONDON, June 1.
The crews of the N.C. 4, N.C. 1, and N.C. 3 have arrived in London. They had a most enthusiastic reception at Paddington.
The flight of the N.C. 4 was handicapped by fog and occasional rain, especially in the neighbourhood of Brest. Her descent at the Mondego river after leaving Lisbon was due to a leaky radiator. The greatest height reached from Ferrol was a thousand feet, but it was mostly between fifty and a hundred, owing to the fog. They crossed the Channel at a height of 200 feet.

POLICE STRIKE.
POSTPONED TILL PEACE IS SIGNED.
LONDON, June 1.
The Police ballot resulted in 44,539 votes for and 4,324 against a strike. It was announced at an enormous police demonstration in Hyde Park this afternoon that the Union Executive had decided to postpone the strike until after peace is signed. The secretary of the police Union said the executive desired to try the effect of further negotiations but were determined to get justice even if they had to strike for it.

CABINET MEETING IN PARIS.
PARIS, June 1.
A meeting of the British cabinet was held this morning at Mr. Lloyd George's house in Paris, to discuss the German counter proposals and certain parts of the Austrian treaty. The Premier, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Chamberlain, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Milner, and Mr. Churchill were present. Lord Curzon and Mr. Long were absent, indisposed. Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Auckland Geddes were detained in London by pressing business.

GERMAN LABOUR PROPOSALS.
CLEMENCEAU'S ANSWER.
PARIS, May 31.
M. Clemenceau, replying to Count Rantzau's labour Note, says the Allies are most anxious to collaborate with the workers in formulating labour legislation but such legislation must be passed by the representatives of the whole community. He declares that all the demands made at the Berne conference were examined and mostly embodied in the peace treaty. He says the German delegates will be admitted after a brief interval to full membership of the international labour organization. M. Clemenceau rejects the idea of holding a labour conference at Versailles before the conclusion of the peace treaty, because the consequent delay of the peace negotiations must be inimical to the interests of the workers.

DISASTROUS FIRES AND EXPLOSION IN BELGIUM.
BRUSSELS, June 1.
Six were killed, six are missing, and 220 injured (seventy seriously) in an explosion at a munition works at Harerem caused by a fire. Enormous damage was done to several houses and factories. Large quantities of merchandise were destroyed. The prison at Vilvorde which was occupied by troops and contained army stores also caught fire in the night. The damage was estimated at several million francs.

A NEW RHENISH REPUBLIC.
AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE, June 1.
German committees have been constituted here, at Cologne and in other towns to promote the establishment of a republic of the left bank of the Rhine, separated from Prussia but remaining part of the German confederation. It is believed the establishment of this new state will enable the inhabitants to escape the world's hatred of everything German.

Later, the Rhenish republic was proclaimed to-day in a number of Rhine towns. The Government is provisionally established at Wiesbaden. The president, Doctor Dorded, has addressed a message to the peace conference.

THE AFGHAN BOTHER.
20 AMRITSAR MURDERERS SENTENCED.
SIMLA, June 3.
The Wazirs are believed to be looking Naidir Khan's transport. The situation in the Tochi valley is quiet. Tribal Lashkars are dwindling. The total of the scattered parties remaining is estimated at 1500. Bodies of Mahsuds and Shesannis are reported to be invading Derajat on the border of west Dera. Ismail Khan's column has moved out to meet them. No change is reported at Dikka, save for occasional sniping north of the Kabul river. The people of Kafiristan, it is reported, recently organized a raid and looted 5,000 head of livestock from the Afghans of the Asmar district. Sardar Abdul Qudus, who the Amir sent to Kandahar to command in southern Afghanistan, has arrived at Dabiri, eighteen miles from Chaman, with a body of Afghan troops. He has written to Mr. Barrett saying he has received from Kabul orders regarding the cessation of fighting. A similar message was received from Nadir Khan. Both have been informed that provided they do not remain in British territory and do not engage in hostilities we will suspend our operations pending the acceptance of our conditions by the Amir.

In the Amritsar national bank murder cases 20 persons have been sentenced to death.

DEFEATED AUSTRIANS FACE THE MUSIC.
ST. GERMAIN, June 2.
Portions of the peace terms which were ready for presentation were handed to the Austrian delegates here to-day. Steelhelmeted but unarmed troops surrounded the chateau, the hall of which is much smaller than that at Versailles, and about twice as many people were there. Consequently the impressiveness of the scene was not so great. The Austrian delegation, headed by Herr Regner, and escorted by an Italian officer, arrived at 12/22. All wore top-hats and tailcoats.

In contrast many of the British delegates were unconventionally attired. For example, Mr. Lloyd George wore a grey lounge suit. The session formally opened at 12/22. M. Clemenceau made a three minute speech in French, which was translated into English, then Italian, then German. M. Dutasta presented the terms to the Austrians at 12/37. Herr Regner then made a speech in German in which he complained of the delay in the presentation of the terms. He declared that the Austrian republic was entirely free of the Hapsburg dynasty, and never would have declared war itself. The affair concluded at 12/50. The Austrians are given a fortnight to consider the terms presented and to submit observations thereon.

JOAN OF ARC CELEBRATIONS.
FATAL KINEMA PANIC IN FRANCE.
VALENCESUR-RHONE, June 1.
A fire at a Kinematograph performance in connection with the Joan of Arc Celebrations attended by 4,000 caused a panic. The spectators rushed to the exits, and women and children were trodden underfoot. At present it is known that 30 were killed and 100 injured.

Later, Eighty were killed in the kinema panic, including 53 children and 21 women. All were suffocated.

THE CELEBRATIONS.
PARIS, June 1.
The canonisation of Joan of Arc was celebrated throughout France. Paris was beflagged, all the churches and many private houses flying the colours of the new saint. A striking feature of the celebrations at Rouen was the participation of British troops. A detachment of cavalry and a Scottish band headed a procession which garlanded the Joan of Arc memorial. The Commandant of the British base was among the speakers at the ceremony.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

BRITISH LIABILITIES.
BIG LOAN TO PAY DEBTS.
London, June 2.
The House of Commons heard a resolution authorising the Treasury to borrow a maximum of 250 millions sterling to cover the estimated deficit for the year, also a requisite amount for repaying the maturing securities issued under the War Loans Acts or Treasury Bills or other advances, and the creation of a sinking fund. The serious feature is the immense floating debt and the great quantity accruing of short-dated securities. The figures to May 31 were: Wars and Means advances £457,892,000; Treasury Bills £2,036,131,000; Exchequer Bonds maturing within the financial year, £24,500,000. This excludes the miscellaneous foreign debt in 1919, approximating 98 millions sterling.

Mr. Chamberlain said there were also further securities maturing from April 1920 to March 1924 amounting to £1,000,000,000. Also 91 millions of foreign debt. He had decided to issue the loan after Whitehall. He dwelt on the unfavourable financial and commercial atmosphere owing to the existence of such a vast amount of short-dated securities. Owing to the ready response to previous loans we were in a position to survive among the belligerents who entered the war at the beginning. We to-day were reaping the reward of past sacrifices. He hoped the country would be encouraged to make another great effort.

The House agreed to the resolution.

VIEWS AND NEWS OF "HAVAS."
PARIS, May 31.
All the resources of the German Propaganda Service are utilized to spread the idea that Germany cannot and will not accept the Allies' peace terms. Rumours to the effect that America is disposed to favour radical modification of the terms to mildness are also circulated. President Wilson in a speech at the cemetery at Surresnes on Memorial Day said there was the best answer for demolishing such rumours. He stated: "It is our duty to take and maintain safeguards that no nation should be ever called upon again for the sacrifice of war. It must be done. It will be done."

The Chinese Society for International Peace at a meeting just held in Paris states that China should sign the peace treaty only on condition of all adopting its terms. It passed the following resolution: "That the Chinese delegation to the peace conference should abstain from signing the peace treaty unless some reservation can be made of the clauses respecting the question of Kiaochow and Shantung."

Mr. Loucheur, a French financial expert, having examined the German financial counter proposals, has reported them to be utterly unacceptable.

Some disquietude is created in Paris by the word that the now ill-famed Committee of Union and Progress at Constantinople is once more gaining ground, assisted by Bolshevik agents.

A NATIVE CHOICE.
LONDON, June 2.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Aneurin Williams affirmed that the uncertainty with regard to who will be mandatory for the ex-German colonies is causing a migration of the native population in British territory. Mr. Harmsworth replied that there were some indications thereof, but it was really a matter for the peace conference.

BOLSHEVIST WAR.
A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.
HELSINGFORS, May 31.
The Bolshevik battleship *Petrovsk* and three others shelled the coast west of Krasnagorsk. Seven British warships engaged the enemy, the fight lasting 50 minutes, after which the Bolsheviks fled to Kronstadt.

OMSK, May 24.
General Koltchak's offensive is continuing successfully in the Perm-Kazan railway sector. A number of villages, prisoners, and material have been captured. Severe fighting occurred at the mouth of the Viatka river. The enemy was repeatedly repulsed.

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OUR FRENCH ALLIES.

To read the French Press, to talk with French folk, is just now to gain an extra point of view. It is not what we think of them that matters, but what they think of things about which we think we are thinking. An Englishman's thoughts of any foreigner are rarely purely judicial. Nor (lest indiscreet comparisons be suspected) can it be said that the French have always understood us. There was a time early in the war when they doubted us, and when their more pronounced chauvinistic elements failed to conceal a dislike of us. But these thoughts can be modified by time and by the teaching of events. Just as the English opinion of the Frenchman is more favourable than it was a hundred years ago, so the Frenchman thinks much better of us than he did. He is, however, puzzled now to make of us now that the war is won and the field ploughed and ready for the replanting. To the Frenchman, and especially to the French journalist, the war was only different in degree to the war of 1871. The enemy was the same. The object of the one was born of the other. In us, on the contrary, he sees an inexplicable tendency to separate this war from all other wars, to regard it as an event unique in the history of the world. We talk of unique requirements and opportunities in the line of reconstruction. We betray a rather foolish fondness for altruistic programmes. Can this be some obscure game of ours, some occult, half-betrayal of English perfidy? He does not want to think that. As yet he does not think it. But is it not a strange attitude when the real and obvious duty of the moment is to salute with respect the tardy arrival of Nemesis? Forty years ago the enemy won, and France paid the price of defeat. To-day the same enemy has lost and must also pay. Decidedly there must be no talk of her not paying, for that was unthinkable. Moreover, it has to be observed, there must be no return match. The Germans were terrible in 1871, but they have been more terrible even while they were being beaten. It is a dangerous beast, a beastly dangerous animal this enemy, and must have its teeth drawn and its claws pared. How, he demands, call this a war to end war if the only means of ensuring the end be not rigorously pursued? For our Frenchman is very human.

He forgets the long prior-to-1870 invasions of the Palatinates when *la guerre was la gloire*. He forgets the humiliations inflicted by Napoleon. He remembers the horrid indignities of the Prussian occupation after the debacle, and he feels he can never, never forget the scenes in the present devastated areas of France. That, to be sure, will take some forgetting. The viciousness and vindictiveness of the enemy, irritated by the failure of his complacent plans, sowed the wind, and if there be any poetic justice in the world, must reap the whirlwind. Deep in the innermost core of our Frenchman's being is a cyclonic centre of hatred, and we cannot be surprised. But that is not all we find, if we study him attentively. More deeply rooted than that emotion is his pessimism. He simply cannot believe in our dreams of a new start for civilization. History and conscript training have given him a profound and gloomy conviction that all that sort of talk is merely foolish or worse. That the Germans will come again seems to him as sure as death, as inevitable as a natural law. What he desires above all is the secure feeling that the next essay shall be foreseen, and prepared for, and defeated. Vengeance now, yes, because there have been deeds that demand it and cry aloud for it; but now and hereafter, preparation and security. As yet, save in the minds of a more thoughtful few, the League of Nations is an idea like a fairy tale. It can comfort only children. M. Clemenceau, surely a venerable and rather pitiful "Tiger," typifies that average outlook. He is indulgent to the L. O. N. proposals now, after making sure of Alliances. It is the Alliances in which he trusts.

LEGALITY AND MORALITY.

When a magistrate says that a certain act was wrong legally but not morally, one gets a slight shock. Where the law calls a morally right action wrong, the law is immoral, on the face of it, but the magistrate, appointed to administer the law as it is, and not as he may think it ought to be, should not quarrel with it. Of course in the case to which we are alluding it would be stupid to pretend there could be any doubt of his Worship's meaning, or that it was a sensible opinion in the circumstances. Except so far as the case serves as a reminder, we are now done with it. What follows has no particular reference to it. There is no standard of morality (for the reasonable, reasoning man) other than the law. The moral man is the law-abiding man, and the man who satisfies the law is sufficiently moral. For this reason, the morality of any action not covered by the

law is a matter of opinion, of individual belief. It is, as the most moral men say, a matter for the conscience—which they define as a divinely implanted knowledge innate in every man. In practical politics, however, as in the case of "conscientious objectors" moving against the main current of public opinion, they assume that the C.O.'s are liars, which, whether they realize it or not, re-establishes the criterion of morality in the judgement of the mob. The *populi* is the moral arbiter. The law in a democratic country is the judgement of the majority (unless it be the pious opinion of the "dead hand"), which brings us round to where we started. *Mores* means "custom" and gives us at once our word and its meaning. The problem of the "conscientious objector" has worried good people, because it enabled clear seers to point out to them that their goodness was largely cant. They could not agree with our view that a law-abider is sufficiently moral, because that would mean discarding the conscientious myth. It would also have exonerated the conscientious objectors, for whom the law itself had made special provision.

[They were all illegally imprisoned and are still being detained illegally, for party-political reasons.] So some of them fell back upon the old error that the majority must be right, and obstreperous minorities immoral. This, to the analyst, is a splendid opening. He points out that morality is qualified and conditioned geographically. "What," indignantly exclaimed one London newspaper man, "do you dare to suggest that right is not right, and wrong wrong, all the world over?" Journalists are a singularly ignorant body of men when it comes to philosophy. They try to learn "useful" stuff, like the contents of *Whittaker's Almanack*, and pride themselves on it, arguing that philosophy, logic, metaphysics, etc. are of no practical use to them! Imagine the stupid waste of brain-stuff involved in memorizing matter that can be kept handy, and more trustworthily, in a reference book. The Eskimos of the Arctic belt, on the approach of winter, and especially after a bad harvest, have the custom of banishing the old people, men past hunting and women past child-bearing. The poor old dears go willingly, and are accompanied by walking burners, to the snow huts prepared for them apart. They die that the others may live. They would consume food for which they could make no fair return to society. A young Eskimo who might try to shield a revered parent from this fate, or the parent who might try to avoid it, would be most immoral. The majority would be ashamed of him, would excommunicate him. In Hongkong the morality of the thing would be exactly reversed. What is right and wrong would be wrong here. The "law of God," in other words, is interpreted differently by Eskimo and Chinese. The missionary who succeeded in "converting" that tribe of Eskimos to his own view of their custom would probably succeed in exterminating the tribe. This is the difficulty which leads to the commonsense conclusion that so long as a man respects and obeys the laws of his country he is sufficiently moral.

MY FOUR YEARS IN GERMANY.

A LESSON FOR EVERY NATION.

On Saturday night at the Theatre Royal, Hongkong had its first opportunity of seeing the widely-read and much-discussed book "My Four Years in Germany" shown upon the screen. Ex-Ambassador, Mr. James W. Gerard, book is illuminative of what things were like in Germany. On the screen the story is more vividly portrayed. It behoves every one, especially civilians, to see this film play.

It enables one to clearly see what a damnable effect upon a country militarism has. The Naval and Military in Germany were first and foremost in all matters of the country's policy. There was that pernicious influence at work that enabled the officer to be above the laws devised for the masses. Early in the picture the Zabrern incident was shown. That should be an object lesson for all men. With militarism ruling it was impossible for a Social Democrat member of the Reichstag, to obtain the arrest or trial of the notorious Lieut. Von Forstner. Forstner's superior officer screened him, the War Minister praised him.

There is that cynicism, that support of the officer by his fellow officers against any attempt at common justice, that was rampant in Germany, and that exists in a more or less degree in all armies and navies. It is done, ostensibly, in the blessed cause of discipline. Discipline has much to answer for. It is a splendid film, clearly shown and the characters are realistic. The treatment of the inhabitants of the invaded territory, the vile treatment of the prisoners, the anxiety of the Kaiser and his military advisers to cause a war, makes one honestly hate the Germans and resolve to make every effort to prevent the reversion of government ever being pulled in our own country by the highly placed advocates of conscription or similar form of militarism. The film is showing again to-night at the Theatre Royal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart returned to the Colony by the *Nanking*.

Mr. R. F. Stewart rode five winners on the second day of the Tientsin Races.

The *Asama Maru* brought 2,900 tons of coal from Wakamatsu to the order of the Yamashita K.K.

The China Merchants *Hsin Chang* brought 14,000 packages of general cargo on June 7, from the north.

The *Mishima Maru* came into harbour shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. She is bringing a Home mail.

The British Admiralty, which has had possession of the greater part of the docks at Dunkirk, has handed them over for the use of mercantile shipping.

A sale of Crown Land adjoining Kennedy Road, 20,480 sq. feet in area, takes place at the P.W.D. on Monday, June 23, and land in Portland Street, Kowloon, will be offered on Monday June 15.

Mr. Lynch, who has been acting manager of the International Bank at Tientsin since the departure of Mr. Brett, is shortly leaving for another branch, and will be succeeded here by Mr. Williams, says the *Critic*.

Commodore Hubert Brand, formerly Naval Attaché to the British Embassy in Tokyo, and during the later stages of the war Captain of the Fleet to Admiral Beatty, has been promoted Rear-Admiral and decorated with the C.M.G.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held to-morrow afternoon. The Orders of the Day include the report of the Committee appointed to consider the suggested changes in the draft estimates for 1920, and the report of the Committee appointed to reconsider and revise the Offensive Trades Areas.

The *Wing On* which was reported aground by the *China Mail* returned to wharf at midnight on Saturday. Speaking to the Chief Officer yesterday a *China Mail* reporter elicited that the ship stuck on the bank. The vessel was only aground about an hour when it was pulled off by the *Cheng On*.

Capt. Butland and Messrs. R. H. Rowlett (Reiss & Co.), Moon, Taylor and Ted (Jardine's), Gillingham (Butterfield & Swire) and Cadman (Asiatic Petroleum Co.) were among the returning passengers by the *China Mail* str. *Nanking*, which arrived in Shanghai on June 1 from San Francisco.

The *Kaiping*, (Captain R. M. MacFarlane) from Liverpool brought 1,000 tons of cargo to Hongkong. She also had 15 Belgian, 2 British and one American passengers for Hongkong. The *Kaiping* which belongs to the Kallan Mining Administration (Doddwell and Co. Agents) has just been released from Government requisition.

The Emperor of Japan has signified his intention of conferring upon Mr. Alexander Cunningham, manager of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Yokohama, who is shortly leaving to take up the position of Secretary of the Home Affairs Conference, the Fourth Class Order of the Rising Sun in appreciation of services rendered by him in promoting trade relations between Great Britain and Japan, especially in matters relating to shipping.

In flying circles there was a good deal of private speculation upon the chances of competitors in the Atlantic flight. A member of the Royal Aero Club writes: "Betting odds on the chances of successful flight before May 31 were as follows just before the accident to the Short machine: 7 to 2 Hawker, 7 to 2 Raynham, 10 to 1 Short, 10 to 1 Handley Page, 15 to 1 Fairey, 20 to 1 Boulton and Paul."

A house coolie named Ko Chi-hsing, formerly employed by the late Mr. and Mrs. Gumpert, now awaits trial at Tientsin by the Chinese Authorities on the charge of double murder, says the *Peking and Tientsin Times*. The B. M. Police have been seeking this man ever since the crime was committed and the suspect, who knew the Police were after him, kept continually on the move up and down the country, and was eventually taken into custody at Han Shan-shien, 200 miles south of Changsha, Hunan.

FUNERAL OF LATE INSPR. TERRETT.

The Police have now obtained confirmation of the report of the recovery of the body of Inspector Terrett. Last night it was known the body was at Poko and Mr. Perdue, Inspector Garrod and a party left to bring back the remains, which if here in time will be buried at 5.30 to-morrow.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.

PRISONER CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.) in the Supreme Court on Saturday afternoon, the special Criminal Sessions held to try Li Heung Lang, a member of the Chinese Labour Corps, indicted for the murder of a comrade on the high seas, whilst the ship was passing the southern end of the Red Sea on May 7 last, was concluded. Both the prisoner and the deceased were members of a contingent of the C.L.C. who were being repatriated to Tsingtau from France. The murder was alleged to have been the outcome of a quarrel over some money and a gold ring.

The Acting Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the Crown whilst the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., (instructed by Mr. E. L. Agassiz) defended the prisoner. The following were on the Jury: Messrs. F. V. Ribeiro, W. B. Musket, F. M. Garcia, W. B. Lightburn, V. P. Ribeiro, B. M. Webb and J. P. Xavier. Mr. H. Tirrell, extra second officer of *Talithyus*, stated that the ship was ready to proceed to sea. The first port at which the ship stopped was Penang, not Colombo. She stopped at Port Swettenham for two days, and at Singapore for five or six days. They had expected to get away earlier, but were unable to do so owing to difficulty in the unloading of a cargo of iron. He did not know whether any information had been given at Singapore about the murder. About 1,500 coolies had embarked in the ship at Havre.

After Lieut. Washbrook and several Chinese members of the contingent had given evidence corroborating the Attorney General's opening statement which was reported in Saturday's *China Mail* the medical officer, Lieut. Carroll stated that when he was called to Lieut. Washbrook's cabin, he saw the bloodstains on the prisoner and examined him injuries but found none. Five wounds altogether had been inflicted on the deceased, three of them skin deep and two very serious. There was a wound on the shoulder one and a half inches deep and three inches wide. Another serious wound was made in the abdomen. The cause of death was shock and loss of blood, which was due to the acts being severed.

Capt. Brown deposed that he was from outside Penang to the G.O.C. at that port saying that he had a man charged with murder on board and that evidence under military law had been taken. The Penang authorities wired back asking him to inform the authorities at Port Swettenham. When he went to Singapore the Police met the ship, and he handed the prisoner over to them. They stated, however, that the Criminal Sessions were over there, and that it would be some time before another would be held. The G.O.C. said he would wire to Major Peineger, the Embarkation Officer, to wire to Hongkong to hold a special sessions there.

A smile overspread the features of his Lordship at this statement.

Continuing, witness said he did not know whether the wire had been sent.

His Lordship: As a matter of fact it does not concern the G. O. C.; it is a matter for the Supreme Court. Captain Brown reported the matter and handed the man into the custody of the Police there and it was for them to take the proper steps.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Capt. Brown said he could produce other witnesses, if required.

Prisoner stated that he was forced to make a confession of murder on the ship by the other coolies, who threatened to kill him. The presence of the bloodstains on his knife, right shirt sleeve, and forehead was due to his having received a blow on the nose while going to the captain's cabin.

After Counsel had addressed the Court, His Lordship summed up briefly and the jury brought in a unanimous verdict of "Guilty," but added a rider to the effect that it was a pity more evidence had not been produced by Captain Brown, who stated that he had other witnesses.

The Attorney-General stated that, in justice to Captain Brown and the Crown, he wished to state that there was no evidence as to the actual murder as the jury seemed to think. The evidence was merely circumstantial, as in most other cases of murder, where there was a difficulty in getting people who could say "I saw the man being killed."

His Lordship: There is no reflection on Captain Brown. He is not conducting the case.

The Attorney-General: I have produced every shred of evidence I thought would be useful.

Prisoner: I have nothing to say. It is a false accusation. I have not killed anybody. I would have had something to say had deceased's friends come to Court.

His Lordship, in passing sentence of death, said:—The jury, on the clearest possible evidence, have found you guilty of murder. It is only right, and my duty, to say that the jury, with the pleadings before them, could not possibly give any other verdict.

DISEASED AND DAMAGED PAGES.

A BOOK-DOCTOR'S WORK.

The "life" of a book in the great public libraries would be shorter than it is but for the "book-doctors," who keep an eye on the thousands of volumes and order an operation, a dose of glue, or a change of shelf-space as the patient's condition seems to require. Miss Rose Murray, of the New York Public Library, diagnoses and prescribes for some eight million books, says the *New York Evening World* and is "directly responsible for their health and well-being." In her inspection of the thousands of invalided and incapacitated books Miss Murray wears a surgeon's apron that completely covers her gown, a cheesecloth veil with holes cut for the eyes, and white cotton gloves. Thus equipped, she is ready to fight any "bookworms" or germs that might be lurking in the pages of the musty books. Miss Murray illustrated how she arrived at her conclusions by picking up a volume from the table.

"This book cost between thirty and thirty-five cents to bind. It has been out only fifty times. This you see, is much too expensive. He is another book. Look at its record—out 208 times, and with a little thin bandage on some of its crippled pages it is ready for another round of visits. And so it goes. Books which are hopelessly stricken are retired from active life."

"So often," she said, "we find the outside better than the inside, the binding in good condition but the pages hopelessly soiled. A great deal depends upon the neighbourhood the books visit. Many of the public school pupils come to the library to do reference work; they are taught to regard the books as tools, to respect them, to give them the proper care. This has been a great help in preserving the books, and it is a rare occasion when any of the school children return a frayed or soiled book nowadays."

"It is not possible to fumigate a book," Miss Murray continued. The Department of Health sends daily a list of contagious diseases in the neighbourhood of the libraries, and if we find any names on our cards at the tabbed addresses we notify card-holders not to return the books, as these will be called for by representatives of the Health Department. Little chests are provided for these infected books. The public has nothing to fear from visible contagion, as the strictest care is maintained in regard to this matter."

THE ROYAL PREROGATIVE.

The judgment of the Court of Appeal in the case of *De Keyser's Hotel* has very naturally been the subject of much comment. Briefly the issue was a claim by the Crown that, both under legislation and by virtue of the royal prerogative, it could take possession of land or other property for the defence of the realm without any obligation to pay compensation. In the court of first instance the Crown won; in the Court of Appeal it lost, with Lord Justice Duke dissenting. Thus, as matters stand, there are two judges against two, and so a very attractive excuse for inviting the final judgment of the Lords. The point in issue, in theory at any rate, far-reaching. There was a time when the friends of freedom regarded the royal prerogative as the enemy. Hence the renown of Hampden and the fame of the Ship Money case, of which every well-trained Englishman has heard, though few indeed are those who have read the arguments or the judgments in it. Then came a time when the authority of the King became vested in Ministers responsible to Parliament, and there arose the dictum that the prerogatives of the Crown are the privileges of the people. But this philosophical gem, rather lost sight of two qualifications—that the prerogative might conflict with individual property rights (as in the *De Keyser* case), and that the King's Ministers might develop a personality of their own, and be neither the servants of the King, nor yet the servants of Parliament or people. Finally, we are at another stage, when many people are beginning to ask themselves whether the State may not have too much power, whether you call it prerogative or legislation. One can imagine a "Bolshevik" State, for example, doing all sorts of desperate things by virtue of that royal prerogative for which the Crown contended in the *De Keyser* case; though, to be sure, a "Bolshevik" Government might do them with or without such a respectable precedent.

Of course the judges try not to consider cases as involving problems of political philosophy, but merely as involving problems of law. But the philosophy is sometimes there, whether they like it or not, and even politics are influenced by ideas.

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DARING BURGLARY OF EUROPEAN SHOPS.

CAMPBELL MOORE AND HONGKONG CIGAR STORE LOOTED.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR FALCONER.

This morning it was discovered that a daring burglary had been committed in the centre of the town. Burglars had effected a robbery of both the Hongkong Cigar Store and Campbell Moore & Co.

The *modus operandi* was comparatively simple. The thieves must have gone up the Hongkong Hotel Annex stairs to the first floor. Here they selected the Shanghai Life Insurance office for attention. A *China Mail* reporter had a look round. They had forced the lock of the door, a simple matter. The safe was attended to, the cover for the keyhole being wrenched off but the safe seems to have resisted all efforts to open it. The locks of two drawers were forced but no results obtained. A larger safe did not seem to have been touched.

Entrance was then sought to Campbell Moore & Co.'s hairdressing saloon below. Boards were wrenched up but the burglars found a beam obstructing them. Another effort was made close by and gave immediate access to the shop below. Our reporter measured the hole through which the burglars appear to have got, and found it 12 x 8 inches, so the burglar or burglars must have been small or very thin. They made plenty of mess in the hairdressing saloon which they dropped into by the assistance of a rope. Having got down they stole \$60 in cash, scissors, and a bunch of towels. The cash was obtained through forcing a desk and cash box. Then attention was paid to Messrs. Falconer's. A good effort to make a hole in the wall through the upper part of Campbell Moore's shop was made. The burglars did not seem well equipped with tools as they stopped at a few blows.

It was easy work getting into the Hongkong Cigar Store. They just forced a connecting door and walked in. The safe had every attention from the thieves. It bears the marks of rough handling, and the manager is unable to open the safe with his key in consequence. It seems to have withstood the assaults.

The show cases were easily opened. The burglars took away a quantity of articles roughly valued at \$2,000. Following is the list of items which are known to be stolen on taking a hurried inventory. It is expected the valuables in the safe are intact.

Six enamel and gold spoons, 6 doz. cigarette tubes, 1 lot enamel jewellery, 1 lot gold watches, 1 lot silver watches, 1 lot silver cigarette cases, 1 gold cigarette case, 1 lot sundries, silver sovereign case, essence bottle, 3 mother-of-pearl cigarette tubes in silver cases, 1 cigarette box, 4 doz. Parker fountain pens, 2 silver breakfast set, silver manicure sets, 1 set silver (silver), 1 lot marble clocks, subsidiary coins \$12, from short's (dawn), and 3 doz. briar pipes.

Alongside the Hongkong Cigar Store safe another effort was made to effect an entrance into Messrs. Falconer's. It is surmised that the burglars were disturbed.

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SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

"JOHN PEELE'S" FOUR WINS.

MR. GEGG RIDES THREE WINNERS.

A heavy shower about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon seemed likely to be the cause of a postponement of the fourth meeting of the season. However, the sun soon shone again, and the meeting was carried through in mixed weather. Everything went off well and the arrangements were a credit to the Hon. Sec. and other officials.

There was a handsome attendance, Sir William Ross-Davies, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Port, Sir Ellis Knicker, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G. C. Moxon, and Mr. R. M. Dyer were among those present.

Mr. Gegg started in style, winning the first two events. The win of Mr. Paul Krenner on Bend Or was immensely popular, judging by the applause, and the congratulations showered upon the French Consul.

Mr. Moxon was an experienced hand in the Victoria Cross Competition. Getting a poor start he picked up his man smartly and galloped back in racing style.

The surprise of the afternoon was the win of Julex with Santos up. The race seemed as good as won by Wadding Bells which seemed unaccountable to pause, whereas Julex, forced ahead by his rider rushed past Santos and Julex and the leader and snatched a win. Julex of Julex to win only had six tickets which were paid the highest price of the day, \$211.70. For a place 11 backers had \$300.00 each.

The last race was disappointing, so long did it take to get the points off. Julex won't, scoring his third win of the day.

Red Ensign was the chief event, the Gymkhana Stakes. The points for this cup inclusive of Saturday's results are as follows:

Red Ensign 7 points.
Pink Eye 6
Red Ensign 4
Saddler 2
Rochester 2

Following are the officials:—
Patrons.—His Excellency The Officer Administering the Government, The Hon. Mr. Chief Secretary, C.M.G., His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir E. C. T. Tabor, K.C.M.G., C.B., His Excellency Major-General F. Venables, and Commandant V. G. Gurner, R.N.

Committee.—The Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club (ex-officio), The Hon. Mr. John Johnston, Mr. D. M. Ross, Mr. J. Gibb, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Major L. Cassel, Mr. G. H. Blason, and Mr. J. H. Congdon.

Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. W. J. Morrison.
Hon. Secretary.—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Judge.—Commandant V. G. Gurner, R.N.
Handicapper.—Mr. D. M. Ross.
In charge of the Scale.—Mr. J. Gibb.

1st Starter.—Mr. P. M. Hodgson and Starter.—Mr. J. H. Congdon.
Time Keeper.—Mr. M. N. Sassoon.

1.45 p.m.—FIVE FRIEDRICHS RACE. HANDICAP. For all China Ponies in the Colony on 1st May, that have run in Hongkong and not won a race at Official Meetings, or Gymkhana since January 1, 1919.

Ladies' Nomination and similar events are not considered as races, winners of these events therefore being eligible unless otherwise disqualified. Entrance fee \$5, 1st prize, \$150; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize, \$40.

Mr. John Peel's (147lbs.) 1
Mr. Henry Humphrey's Grey Mouse (162lbs.) Doyle 2
Mr. G. & G's Vion (late Burs) (151lbs.) Gegg 3
Mr. Gilpin's Dusky (151lbs.) Sutton 0

There was again only four runners. Dusky was full of fire and Sutton was incapable of pulling him up when the black pony did a round of the course before time. Just as they were ready to start Dusky bolted again running a third of the course this time. At last they were off. At quarter the distance the order was Dusky, Vion, Lord Lorne, Grey Mouse. Going up towards Black Rock Dusky surprised nobody by falling back beaten. Taking the lead Lord Lorne forged ahead. He was first into the straight and stalling off a challenge by Grey Mouse won easily by six lengths. Vion was third, two lengths behind.

Time: 1 min., 58 3-5secs.
Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 200, 1st, \$796.25
" " 60, 2nd, 227.50
" " 114, 3rd, 113.75
Commission 127.50
Unplaced ponies 10.00
Total \$1275.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 170 tickets for win \$8.70
Places 1, 147 tickets for place \$6.50
2, 35 tickets for place \$11.50
3, 11 tickets for place \$9.10

4.—CLASS HANDICAP. A CLASS. DUCK BURNING. For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$150; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize, \$40.

Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight (158lbs.) Gegg 1
Mr. Adams' Rheostat (145lbs.) Doyle 2
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Morning Star (158lbs.) 0
Mr. Medico's Cornhill (153lbs.) Sedgwick 0

Mr. Staves' Elyford (late Firefly) (150lbs.) Doyle 0
Mr. Soares' Julex (late Moonlight) (147lbs.) Soares 0
Mr. Nemaze's Jayboon (144lbs.) Nemaze 0
Mr. Buxey's Excelsior (144lbs.) Mody 0

There was a bad start, Dan Duke being left. Alexander and Bend Or set the pace, sharing the lead throughout. They kept the same positions and in the straight Gegg lifted his pony a little ahead, gaining the victory by a head. Gentle Cat was third, two lengths behind.

Time: 1 min., 19 1-5secs.
Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 250, 1st, \$523.25
" " 171, 2nd, 149.50
" " 42, 3rd, 74.75
Commission 87.50
Unplaced ponies 40.00
Total \$875.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 62 tickets for win \$13.40
Places 1, tickets for place \$6.10
2, tickets for place \$6.40
3, tickets for place \$6.40

2.—GYMKHANA STAKES.—Value \$200. Distance, one mile. For all China Ponies. Catch weights at 10st. 6lb. Winners of an open race or open Griffin race or Ponies that have won the aggregate prize in the Gymkhana Stakes in any season 5lb. extra. Non-winning Subscriptions allowed 5lb.

A Cup to be run for five times, or as decided by the Committee, called the Gymkhana Cup will be presented at the end of the Season to be won by the Pony scoring most marks in the races for the Gymkhana Stakes at the Gymkhana Meetings during the Season, counting four points for a first; two for a second; and one for a third. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with the Pony on a sale. Any winner of the race this season to carry 5lb. extra for each win in subsequent starts for the Race, but in the event of a Pony carrying the penalty not winning 2lb. to be deducted next time he starts, such 2lb. to remain deducted until he wins again when he will carry the full penalty without deduction. Penalties accumulative up to 15lb. In the event of two or more Ponies tying with the same number of marks after Five Races have been run the owners shall either divide the value of the Cup which is hereby placed at \$200 or shall run off on a day to be fixed by the Committee not being the same day as the last race for the Stakes, but within two weeks thereafter. In the event of a run off the weights shall be weight for inches as per scale. Entrance fee \$5. 2nd prize, \$100; 3rd prize, \$50.

Mr. John Peel's Red Ensign (161lbs.) Gegg 1
Mr. T. W. Doyle's Rochester (146lbs.) Doyle 2
Mr. D. M. Ross' Pink Eye (151lbs.) Sedgwick 3
Mr. Buxey's Malabar (161lbs.) Sutton 0

With only four ponies a level start was effected. Passing the winning post for the first time Red Ensign and Pink Eye were in front. The same order was kept going up the hill. Rochester and Malabar being third and fourth. Round Wong-chung Village Red Ensign established a lead which he kept till past the whipping post. Rochester came with a rush and took second place from Pink Eye, two lengths behind Red Ensign.

Time: 2 min., 10 1-5secs.
Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 94, 1st, \$733.25
" " 197, 2nd, 209.50
" " 192, 3rd, 104.75
Commission 117.50
Unplaced ponies 10.00
Total \$1175.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 11 tickets for win \$39.60
Places 1, 16 tickets for place \$10.40
2, 12 tickets for place \$12.20
3, 14 tickets for place \$11.20

6.—HALF MILE RACE.—For all China Ponies that have run in Hongkong and not won an Official Race since 1st January, 1919, other than Race confined to Hongkong Subscription (Griffins). Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not won more than two Official Races allowed 5lb. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$150; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize, \$40.

Mr. Soares' Julex (late Moonlight) (149lbs.) Soares 1
Mr. Griststone's Wedding Bell (155lbs.) Sedgwick 2
Mr. G. & G's Second Fiddle (149lbs.) Doyle 3
Mr. St. George's Gentle Cat (late Tafford) (156lbs.) Gegg 0
Mr. Jay Peel's Alder (late Tafford) (156lbs.) Lucas 0
Mr. B. Buxey's Victor (late Star) (152lbs.) Sutton 0
Mr. Buxey's Hector (149lbs.) Mody 0

Rain came on while the ponies were out. They started off in a good line and ran bunched together until near the end of the race. The race looked as good as won by Wedding Bells which seemed to flutter and Julex came along with a rush and passed both Second Fiddle and Wedding Bells.

Time: 1 min., 04 3-5secs.
Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 259, 1st, \$822.50
" " 180, 2nd, 235.00
" " 236, 3rd, 117.50
Commission 135.00
Unplaced ponies 40.00
Total \$1350.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 6 tickets for win \$211.50
Places 1, 11 tickets for place \$30.90
2, 80 tickets for place \$8.50
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7.—HANDICAP: ONE AND A QUARTER MILE RACE.—For China Ponies. Entrance fee \$5. 1st prize, \$150; 2nd prize, \$75; 3rd prize, \$40.

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Mr. Gilpin's Dusky (151lbs.) Doyle 2
Mr. Soares' Lovejoy (late American Chief) (144lbs.) Soares 3
Mr. Dynasty's Vlyat (150lbs.) Sedgwick 0
Mr. Jay Peel's Eaton Boy (late Woodworker) (151lbs.) Sedgwick 0
Mr. Adams' Rheostat (142lbs.) Adams 0

There was a fair start. Dusky and Paper Money led, close together. Rheostat came out from the others and took third place. Eaton Boy challenged Rheostat for third up the hill where Dusky and Paper Money made the distance from the others greater. Entering the straight Paper Money drew away from Dusky who was unable to respond to his rider's effort. Lovejoy ran well at the end but his effort was too late, getting only third place.

Time: 2 min., 02secs.

Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 1st, 4, \$314.80
" " 2nd, 80, 232.80
" " 3rd, 60, 116.40
Commission 136.00
Unplaced ponies 60.00
Total \$1360.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 52 tickets for win \$28.10
Places 1, 70 tickets for place \$9.50
2, 118 tickets for place \$7.60
3, 9 tickets for place \$40.30

3.—LADIES' NOMINATION. VICTORIA CROSS COMPETITION.—Dummies representing wounded men will be placed on the ground at a point indicated. Competitors gallop up under fire, over a low hurdle, lift dummies on to their saddles, and carry back to winning post. Open to members of the Jockey, Polo, and Gymkhana Clubs, Naval and Military Officers, and members of the Mounted Troops. Entrance fee. Prizes presented by the Gymkhana Club to First, Second, and Third and Souvenirs to the Ladies nominating same.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, nominated by Mrs. Moxon 1
Mr. E. M. L. Soares, nominated by Mrs. A. M. L. Soares 2
Mr. T. M. Leitch, nominated by Mrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin 3
Mr. J. H. Congdon, nominated by Mrs. J. H. Congdon 0
Mr. T. W. Doyle, nominated by Mrs. T. W. Doyle 0
Mr. H. W. Lucas, nominated by Mrs. Williams 0

This was an amusing event. The machine gun firing (crackers) scared the ponies and while the "wounded" were being rescued two ponies managed to get to the saddle but Lucas was only a second or two behind. Both made the return journey but Lucas could not get his mount over the ridiculously easy little fence. Moxon went on alone and came in first in galloping style. Soares scored second while Lucas was fourth after Leitch's pony had knocked down a part of the fence.

Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 156, 1st, \$785.40
" " 22, 2nd, 224.40
" " 182, 3rd, 112.20
Commission 128.00
Unplaced ponies 30.00
Total \$1280.00

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" " 180, 2nd, 235.00
" " 236, 3rd, 117.50
Commission 135.00
Unplaced ponies 40.00
Total \$1350.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 6 tickets for win \$211.50
Places 1, 11 tickets for place \$30.90
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GOLF.

K.C.C. v. U.S.R.C.

This annual match of singles and foursomes took place over the King's Park Course yesterday, after a postponement. The U.S.R.C. won taking the results as whole.

SINGLES "A" TEAM.

K.C.C. U.S.R.C.
D. J. Mackenzie 1 Woods 0
V. McLiddell 1 R. E. Lindell 0
J. Jack 0 F. A. Redmond 1
J. Hyde 0 Lt. Col. Coles 1
A. Morrison 1 Capt. Lucy 0
H. Overy 0 Smith 1
D. G. Nicol 0 T. F. Claxton 1
J. Parkes 1 Dr. Smalley 0

Total 4 Total 4

SINGLES "B" TEAM.

H. W. Page 0 Lt. Col. Taylor 1
W. J. Owens 1 Lt. Cordon 0
J. P. Robinson 0 Capt. Gray 1
J. H. Mead 0 Capt. Murray 1
J. E. McIntosh 0 Lt. Sutherland 1
G. N. Avenell 0 Lt. Thomas 0
K. R. Mackaskill 0 G. A. Woodcock 1
A. W. E. Davison 0 Major Buck 1

Total 24 Total 53

FOURSOMES "A" TEAM.

D. J. Mackenzie and V. McLiddell 0
J. Jack and J. Hyde 0
A. Morrison and H. Overy 1
D. G. Nicol and J. Parkes 1
Total 3 Total 1

FOURSOMES "B" TEAM.

H. W. Page and W. J. Owens 1
J. P. Robinson and J. H. Mead 0
J. E. McIntosh and G. N. Avenell 0
K. R. Mackaskill and A. W. E. Davison 0
Total 1 Total 32

TENNIS.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. K.C.C.

Rain caused the postponement of all matches on Saturday. This game was started but rain stopped play. The K.C.C. then conceded the Junior League points at stake. The scores up to the cessation of play were as follows:

F. Prata and E. de Sousa Club de Recreio, beat Wheeler and Taylor, 8-3; beat Richmond and Hall, 9-2; beat Brown and Green, Jr., 8-3.

F. Soares and H. Remedios, Club de Recreio, beat Richmond and Hall, 7-4.

L. Hyndman and R. Hyndman, Club de Recreio, beat Wheeler and Taylor, 7-4; beat Brown and Green, Jr., 7-4.

Totals: Club de Recreio, 46 games, K.C.C. "C", 20 games.

Time: 2 min., 53 secs.
Cash Sweeps.—
Ticket No. 235, 1st, \$990.15
" " 70, 2nd, 282.90
" " 17, 3rd, 141.45
Commission 160.50
Unplaced ponies 30.00
Total \$1605.00

Parl-Mutuel.—
Winner 178 tickets for win \$9.60
Places 1, 148 tickets for place \$6.50
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3, 26 tickets for place \$13.50

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DUNERA	8th July	23th July

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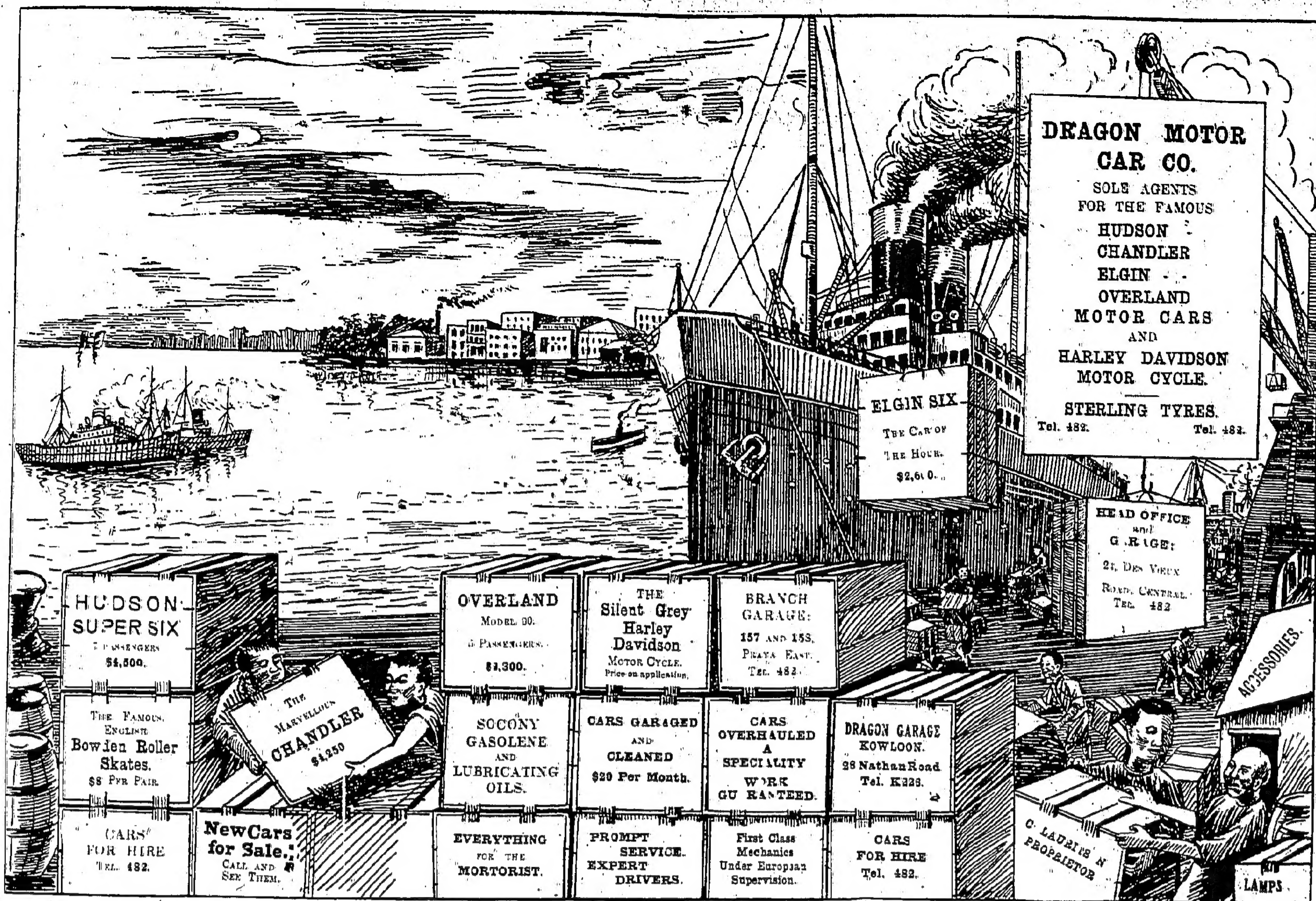
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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 15th June.
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THE JAVA Eruption.

The *China Mail's* correspondent in Java has visited the scene of the big volcanic disaster. He says the latest estimate is 50,000 dead. He adds: "It does not look so interesting now as there are no more heads sticking out of the ground like vegetables growing, but the smell is still horrible!"

A TALL STORY.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with the possession of eight ounces of gunpowder on board the s.s. *Ow Lee*, he told his Worship that it was given to him by a friend who had just returned from America to take to the country.

His Worship: Yes, but what use were you going to put it to?

I was told that if sprinkled in the clothing, it keeps insects from the clothing.

His Worship: Oh! a new use, for gunpowder. Who told you that?

This friend of mine who had returned from America.

His Worship: They tell all sorts of tall stories 'over there' (laughter). You are fined \$10 and the gunpowder is confiscated.

INQUIRY INTO COURTS MARTIAL.

The Committee on Military Courts-Martial has been appointed, and is as follows:

Mr. Justice Darling (Chairman), General the Earl of Cavan, Lord Hugh Cecil, M.P., Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P., Major Christopher Lowther, M.P., Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., Mr. A. Hopkinson, M.P., Major-General B. E. W. Childs, Deputy Adjutant-General, Mr. Felix Cassel, K.C., Judge Advocate-General, Brig-General J. G. S. Mellor, Deputy Judge Advocate-General, with Lieut. Colonel H. F. MacGoagh, Assistant Adjutant-General, as secretary, and Capt. G. R. Hill, R.A.F., assistant secretary.

The Committee met on April 9 and settled matters of procedure.

STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

NO end of misery and actual suffering is caused by disorders of the stomach and liver, and may be avoided by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets. Give them a trial. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

ROBBERS GET AWAY WITH MUCH DYNAMITE.

WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH IT?

A robbery with violence is reported from Yau-mai when an unnumbered match was broken into by three men on Saturday. The occupier of the match, an elderly Chinese was roughly handled by the intruders who after using violence on him, made off with 435 sticks of dynamite, \$38 in money and 327 detonators. As in the other case, no trace of the robbers could be found.

BLUE FUNNEL STEAMER ON ROCKS.

The Blue Funnel steamer *Jason Butterfield* and *Shire*, local agents, has gone ashore at Vladivostok. The agents received a telegram yesterday to say that the *Jason* went on the rocks at the entrance to Vladivostok Harbour. There was a dense fog at the time, to which the accident is attributed.

There are no further details at the time of going to press.

ARMED ROBBERY.

An armed robbery is reported to have taken place at Shaikwan on Saturday night, when three men, one armed with a revolver, held up a Chinese comrade of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery and relieved him of a diamond ring, a gold watch and chain and a cheque to the total value of \$250. Inquiries made up to eleven o'clock this morning brought no further details and although the police are investigating, no arrest has been effected yet.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram, quoted below was received from the Manila observatory by the U.S. Consul yesterday.

Typhoon E of the northern Visayas or South-eastern Luzon moving N.W. or N.N.W.

Cyclone or Typhoon East of the Visayas Island direction unknown. A typhoon over Eastern Luzon inclining westward.

HANDS OFF!

PREMIER MUST NOT BE SNIPED IN THE BACK.

At a time when the Prime Minister is bearing an exceptional load of responsibility as the nation's representative at the Peace Conference, attempts are visibly being made in certain quarters at home to sap his position and undermine his authority. The partisan character of the attacks is plain enough beneath their surface plausibilities. If common fairness did not restrain them, patriotic consideration for the country's interest ought to have done so. Nothing could be worse for us than to have our leaders sniped from behind at a time when they need to give their undivided attention to the problems and personalities in front of them.

To say this is not to say that everything at Paris is going to our liking. Some of the news regarding the negotiations is disquieting enough. Still more disquieting is the failure of the Supreme Council, whether of Ten or of Four, as an international executive body—a failure so marked as to form perhaps the main obstacle to the international confidence which the future League must inspire if it is to be more than a League on paper. But to saddle these responsibilities on the British Prime Minister is grotesquely unfair. The Council has failed to act, because some of its members had opposite ideas regarding the action that should be taken. It was certainly not Mr. Lloyd George who created the opposition. Every one familiar with his record in England knows that his peculiar gift in council is not to create obstructive differences, but to reconcile them. It may be affirmed with confidence that he has never exercised this gift more patiently and persistently than during recent weeks.

Great Britain is animated by feelings of genuine friendship towards France, America, Italy, and Japan alike. She realizes that the hearty concurrence of them all is required for the future success of the League of Nations. She desires nothing so much as to see the various differences of opinion with exist between them settled as soon as possible by the fairest and most enduring compromises. She does not take sides; she is the honest conciliator. This is the role which her Prime Minister has to play on her behalf, and Mr. Lloyd George possesses some obvious personal qualifications for playing it. As to the suggestion that he is forgetting or infringing his election pledges, his telegram to Mr. Kennedy Jones speaks for itself. No one need doubt his capacity to vindicate himself before Parliament, if vindication is required. But it ought not to be asked for at a time when his hands are so full with the nation's vital business. *Daily Chronicle.*

BOLSHEVISM IN BEING.

It is an amazing blend of quixotism, common sense, and simplicity that takes shape when one pieces together the reports from various correspondents of the first few days of Soviet rule in Hungary. The Bolshevik Government have closed the banks pending a decision as to whether they serve any necessary purpose in a State; but they have no such doubts as to the value of baths, and one of their earliest regulations throws open the hot-water supplies of the rich to the children of the poor. The housing problem, again, is quickly disposed of by the simple device of quartering the overcrowded on those who have more room than they need. Recreation is made possible for all by a compulsory reduction in the price of theatre seats, and the ex-King's box at the opera is occupied by a factory official and his family. One is rather depressed, however, to note that the first performance under new conditions was prefaced by a lecture from the People's Commissary for Agriculture on "The Relationship between Art and the Proletariat." One hopes he was as sound on Shakespeare as on bacon. As a further and less exacting guarantee of the earnestness of the new regime it has been decided to plough up the raccoons and turn them into vegetable gardens. In all this there is discernible an attempt to take a short cut to happiness by a people that has been starved of it. Fundamental decisions as to an economic system may wait, they seem to say; but meanwhile we can and will at once have housework, cleanliness, and the best entertainment that can be got, and if we have to choose between potatoes and rice meetings, let us have the potatoes. It will go ill with any country whose statesmen dismiss these desires with an indulgent smile, or who think that a revolution such as that in Hungary can be safely ridiculed because it runs rather to hot baths than to cool thinking. The things which the proletariat of Budapest have seized for themselves are just those to which the body and soul of man, be he Czech, Englishman, or Russian, are entitled, and which wise statesmanship will ensure in all civilized lands before the pace is forced to a point that the machinery of government cannot sustain. *Manchester Guardian.*

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COMING TOBACCO WAR: THE AMERICAN PLAN.

As the position of the tobacco combine in England was never stronger than it is to-day, the decision of an American syndicate to attempt to capture a large part of the trade has caused much speculation.

The scheme formulated twenty years ago—when British manufacturers were divided among themselves—seemed to hold great promise of success. Yet it failed, and the ordinary man sees no signs to indicate that the new attempt of the invaders will be more successful, particularly as our manufacturers are now working together.

The promoter of the new syndicate is laying out his scheme with one eye on the public and the other on the conditions in the tobacco industry itself. Most if not all of the machinery used in tobacco factories comes from America, and during the war British manufacturers have found it almost impossible, owing to the shipping restrictions, to get any new machinery, or even new parts for repairs. In consequence of the dilapidated state of the plants the output of tobacco is now considerably diminished, and some time must pass before adequate new machinery can be brought over to ensure the production of pre-war quantities.

This inability to get new machinery has perhaps contributed to the increased profits which home manufacturers have made during the war, for the existing plant has been run for all it is worth, but on each occasion when the duty on tobacco has been raised a sum greater than the additional duty has been charged to the public—an action rendered possible only by the fact that the associated companies control about three-quarters of the entire trade. (A still further extension is now being talked of.) Thus it happened that last year the Imperial Tobacco Company, Limited, made a net trading profit of £3,225,266.

The promoters of the American syndicate believe that, with new plant, a good proportion of these profits can be secured by them, particularly as the parent concern in New York has a hold on some of the Virginia leaf markets. Further, they propose to find an outlet in some of the Continental countries for any surplus production they may have. This scheme has, therefore, a broader basis than the earlier one, and the promoters of it think it will meet with success.

One thing is certain—if the fight comes the smoker will get cheaper tobacco, unless the Chancellor of the Exchequer again raises the duty.

FIRE DANCE AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

Miss Phyllis Faye, the well-known versatile Australian artist, will tonight give us a sensational exhibition of the fire dance. She has won great fame in Australia in this stunt and there is no doubt that it will prove as highly successful here as in the Antipodes. Miss Faye will actually dance in fire and those who want to see a real novelty at least as far as Hongkong is concerned, should not fail to "double up" at the Victoria Theatre. Besides this she is going to do some more dances and will also sing a number of delightful songs. Owing to to-day being a holiday the management have gone to the extent of engaging the Manila string band from the *Empress of Asia* which with the Victoria Orchestra, should make a feast for the gods, not to mention Pathe's Gazette, new episodes of "Hands Up" and a Toto comedy.

LAWN BOWLS.

KOWLOON BOWLING CLUB v. K.C.C.

The K.C.C. were no match for the older hands on Saturday, the Bowling Club winning by 53.

K.B.C.	K.C.C.
Smyth	Oswald
Muir	Hyde
Gray	Simpson
Copper (Skip) 22	Parkes (Skip) 13
Johnston	Davison
Dixon	Mead
McIver	Jack
Harvey (Skip) 26	Gerrard (Skip) 12
Guy	Overy
Shaw	Robinson
Atkinson	File
Gow (Skip) 37	Gibson (Skip) 7
Totals.....85	32

We acknowledge with thanks a lot of magazines and books from Mr. A. M. Arnold, for the Troops up North.

SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.

DIARRHEA is always more or less prevalent during this weather. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effective. It can always be depended upon. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Following are results of Saturday, April 19, and final league table of London Combination.

LONDON COMBINATION.

West Ham.....3	Fulham.....1
Chelsea.....3	Q.P. Rangers...0
Crystal Palace...2	Crystal Palace...2
Millwall.....3	Tottenham H....4
Clapton Orient...4	Reading.....3

MIDLAND SECTION.

Bradford.....2 Leicester F.....1
Buddersfield T...0 Lincoln City.....0

MIDLAND SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION.

Nottingham F....3	Nottingham F....3
Rotherham C.....1	Sheffield W.....1
Sheffield U.....2	Barnsley.....1

LANCASHIRE SUBSIDIARY COMPETITION.

Manchester U....2	Manchester C....4
Oldham A.....5	Bochdale.....3
Stockport C.....3	Southport Val...1
Stoke.....2	Port Vale.....3

KENT VICTORY CUP.—Final.

Chatham.....3	Maidstone.....0
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NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Hartlepool U....6	Newcastle U.....1
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MIDLAND VICTORY LEAGUE.

Wolverhampton W. 1 W. 1	Bramwich A. 1
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LIVERPOOL CUP.—Final.

Everton.....5	Liverpool.....1
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FRIENDLY MATCH.

Derby County.....5	Bolton Wand.....4
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THEATRE-OF-WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Egypt.....4	Home Forces.....3
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RUGBY.

New Zealand.....6	Wales.....3
Cardiff.....16	United Services..11
Pill Barracks.....12	Australia.....3
Bath.....6	Pontypool.....3
Bristol.....8	N.Z.A. (Cardiff)....10
Gloucester.....8	Cross Keys.....0
Leicester.....5	Mothers Country...6
London Schools..3	The Post.....46
Northampton.....3	R.A.F......6
Cornwall.....2	A.N.Z. V.V.....11
Devon.....3	Australia.....21

LONDON COMBINATION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	T.
Brentford.....	36	20	9	7	94	45	49
Arsenal.....	36	20	9	7	85	55	45
West Ham.....	36	17	7	12	83	51	41
Fulham.....	36	17	8	11	70	53	40
Q.P.R.....	36	16	7	13	60	60	39
Chelsea.....	36	13	11	12	70	53	37
Crystal Palace..	36	14	6	16	58	73	34
Tot. H.....	36	13	8	15	52	72	34
Millwall.....	36	10	9	17	59	67	23
Clapton O.....	36	5	8	23	35	123	12

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months mothers should watch for any unusual looseness of the child's bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by All Chemists and Storekeepers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(New York Service to the China Mail.)
MORE GERMAN VIEWS.

As their Note containing the counter-proposals, the Germans declare that the demands as regards her Colonies have contradicted President Wilson's fifth point, and propose that the question be referred to a Special Committee.
They do not recognise any Russian right to restitution.
The State surrender of merchant vessels is unacceptable, but they are willing to accept an obligation to construct merchant vessels.
They reject the obligation to compensate Italy, Montenegro, Rumania and Poland.
They are willing to pay a definite percentage of the entire revenues of the Empire as an annuity.
They refuse to permit the prosecution of the ex-Kaiser (who they say is not liable for punishment), or to hand over persons accused of war crimes.
The Note is signed by the German Emperor.

LONDON, May 31st.
The opinion in French political circles is unanimous regarding the German counter-proposals—that there is no necessity for actual discussions, and that the terms of the Treaty are unalterable as regards the East, Upper Silesia and the Colonies.

RUSSIA WOULD NOT SIGN.

VERSAILES, May 31st.
Information gathered from the German delegation to the effect that Count von Bismarck convinced the entire delegation and the members of the Finance Commission before the departure of Herr Gieseler and Herr Landberg, and asked them to tell the people of Berlin that the German Note is a Treaty in the form presented by the Allies.

SUCCESSFUL ATLANTIC FLIERS.

AMERSON, May 31st.

WASHINGTON, May 31st.
The N.C.4 has arrived at Perrol.
LONDON, May 31st.
The N.C.4 has left Perrol.

LONDON, May 31st.

The N.C.4 reached Plymouth at 2.55 a.m.

The N.C.4 covered the 300 miles between Perrol and Plymouth in 16 hours, 40 minutes.

She was sighted off her destination, at a height of 10,000 feet and escorted to land by three British seaplanes.

She was met by numerous river craft who lustily sounded their whistles, and thousands on the Hoe heartily greeted the approaching American seaplane.

Commander Bond and his crew were taken off by a motor launch and taken aboard the American cruiser Rochester, where they were received by the American Vice-Admiral, the Mayor of Plymouth and Government representatives.

The airmen were subsequently given a public reception by the Mayor, who spoke from the "Mayflower" stage. Later they were entertained to luncheon by the Air Ministry.

The seaplane's actual flying time from America was 33 hours, for the 3,000 miles.

POLICE STRIKE.

Mr. Lloyd George declined to receive, in Paris, a deputation of the Police Union on the subject of the threatened strike, stating that he fully approved of everything done, and had complete confidence in those representing him.

CRICKET.

LONDON, May 31st.

Notts beat Sussex by an innings and 175 runs.

Essex beat Lancashire by nine wickets.

Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by nine wickets.

The M.C.C. v. Yorkshire match was drawn.

SILVER.

LONDON, May 31st.

Silver is quoted at 53d. buyers and sellers. The market is quiet.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Nikko Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Zamboanga and Manila on the 6th June, and is expected here on the 18th June.

The Admiral Line's s.s. *West Mardian* arrived at Shanghai on June 3rd, and is due to arrive here via Manila on or about June 27th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tokio Maru* (New York Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki on the 4th June, and is expected here on the 11th June.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 2nd June, and is expected here on the 18th June.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Pernia Maru* arrived at Yokohama June 2, and will sail June 5 as per schedule, being due at this Port June 13.

The Shawan Tomes Co. s.s. *Gaio Prince* is expected here from New York about middle of June.

The C.P.O.S. Co. s.s. *R.M.S. Empress of Japan* arrived at Vancouver on May 21.

The C.P.O.S. Co. s.s. *R.M.S. Empress of Russia* sailed from Kobe May 14 for Yokohama.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tomo Maru*, No. 2 (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 29th May, and is expected here on the 13th June.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kita Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez Canal on the 17th May, and is expected here on the 22nd June.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez Canal on the 8th May, and is expected here on the 14th June.

The C.M.S. Co. s.s. *China* arrived at San Francisco on May 17 in accordance with schedule.

The W.K. s.s. *Ningbo* arrived at Yokohama June 1st, and will sail June 4th for Honolulu and San Francisco as per schedule.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Koro Maru* sailed from San Francisco May 21, and will arrive at Hongkong June 18.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Seijo Maru* arrived at Yokohama May 13, and will sail May 17 according to schedule for San Francisco en route to South America.

SHIPS DUE TO ARRIVE.

FROM EUROPE.

The s.s. NINGCHOW, June 13 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 16.

The s.s. TIDEUS, June 19 and leaves for Shanghai June 20.

The s.s. NELLEUS, due here June 13 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 16.

The s.s. PHIAH, due here June 24 and leaves for Shanghai and Hankow June 26.

The s.s. DIUCALION, due here June 24 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 25.

The s.s. TRIESTINA, due here June 29 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan June 30.

The s.s. PROMETHEUS, due here July 8 and leaves for Japan July 9.

The s.s. ATREUS, due here July 6 and leaves for Shanghai and Japan July 7.

The s.s. EURYPILOS, due here July 8 and leaves for Shanghai, Taku and Dally July 9.

The s.s. NAGOYA, leaves London June 8, due here July 31 and leaves for Japan ports July 32.

The s.s. MALTA, leaves London June 19, due here August 5 and leaves for Japan ports August 6.

FROM SHANGHAI.

The s.s. ANDES MARU, due here from Shanghai June 10 and leaves for London and Antwerp June 11.

FROM JAPAN.

The s.s. NAGOYA, leaves Yokohama August 9 and is due here August 20.

The s.s. MALTA, leaves Yokohama August 22 and is due here September 3.

The s.s. RHESUS, leaves Yokohama May 31 and is due here June 17.

The s.s. TALEITHIUS, leaves Yokohama June 18 and is due here July 12.

The s.s. IDOMENEUS, leaves Yokohama June 14 and is due here July 1.

The s.s. STENTOR, leaves Yokohama May 21 and is due here June 13 and leaves for Liverpool.

The s.s. TEUCER, leaves Yokohama June 7 and is due here June 24 and leaves for Liverpool.

The s.s. ARRATON APCAR, leaves Kobe June 3, due here June 10 and leaves for Calcutta June 12.

The s.s. NINGCHOW, leaves Yokohama June 21 and is due here July 8 and leaves for Liverpool.

The s.s. KOREA MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 18 and leaves for San Francisco June 20.

The s.s. NIPPON MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 30 and leaves for San Francisco July 7.

The s.s. PERSIA MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 12 and leaves for San Francisco June 15.

The s.s. ANYO MARU, due here from Moji August 31 and leaves for South America September 10.

The s.s. KIYO MARU, due here from Moji July 1 and leaves for South America July 12.

The s.s. SEIYO MARU, due here from Moji October 24 and leaves for South America November 4.

The s.s. BARKI MARU, due here from Kobe and Moji June 12 and leaves for Java ports June 14.

The s.s. JAPAN, leaves Kobe July 6, due here July 13 and leaves for Calcutta July 15.

The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Kobe and Moji July 15 and leaves for Java ports July 17.

The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Kobe and Moji July 27 and leaves for Java ports July 29.

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The s.s. HAWAII MARU, due here from Nagasaki June 15 and leaves for South America June 16.
The s.s. JASON, leaves Yokohama June 24 and is due here July 5.
FROM JAPAN.
The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Java ports June 11 and leaves for Japan ports June 14.
The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Java ports June 21 and leaves for Japan ports June 24.
The s.s. RHOEN MARU, due here from Java ports July 4 and leaves for Japan ports July 7.
The s.s. BARKI MARU, due here from Java ports July 28 and leaves for Japan ports July 29.
The s.s. BORNEO MARU, due here from Java ports August 28 and leaves for Japan ports September 3.
The s.s. HOKUTO MARU, due here from Java ports September 9 and leaves for Japan ports September 12.

FROM CALCUTTA.
The s.s. JAPAN, leaves Calcutta June 1, due here June 17 and leaves for Kobe June 20.
FROM BOMBAY.
The s.s. DUNERA, leaves Bombay June 7, due here June 24 and leaves for Japan ports June 25.
FROM AMERICA.
The s.s. PROTESILAUS, leaves Seattle May 21, due here June 15 and leaves for Manila June 21.
The s.s. TENDAREUS, leaves Seattle June 18, due here July 11 and leaves for Manila July 17.
The s.s. CYCLOPS, leaves Seattle July 9, due here August 3 and leaves for Manila August 9.

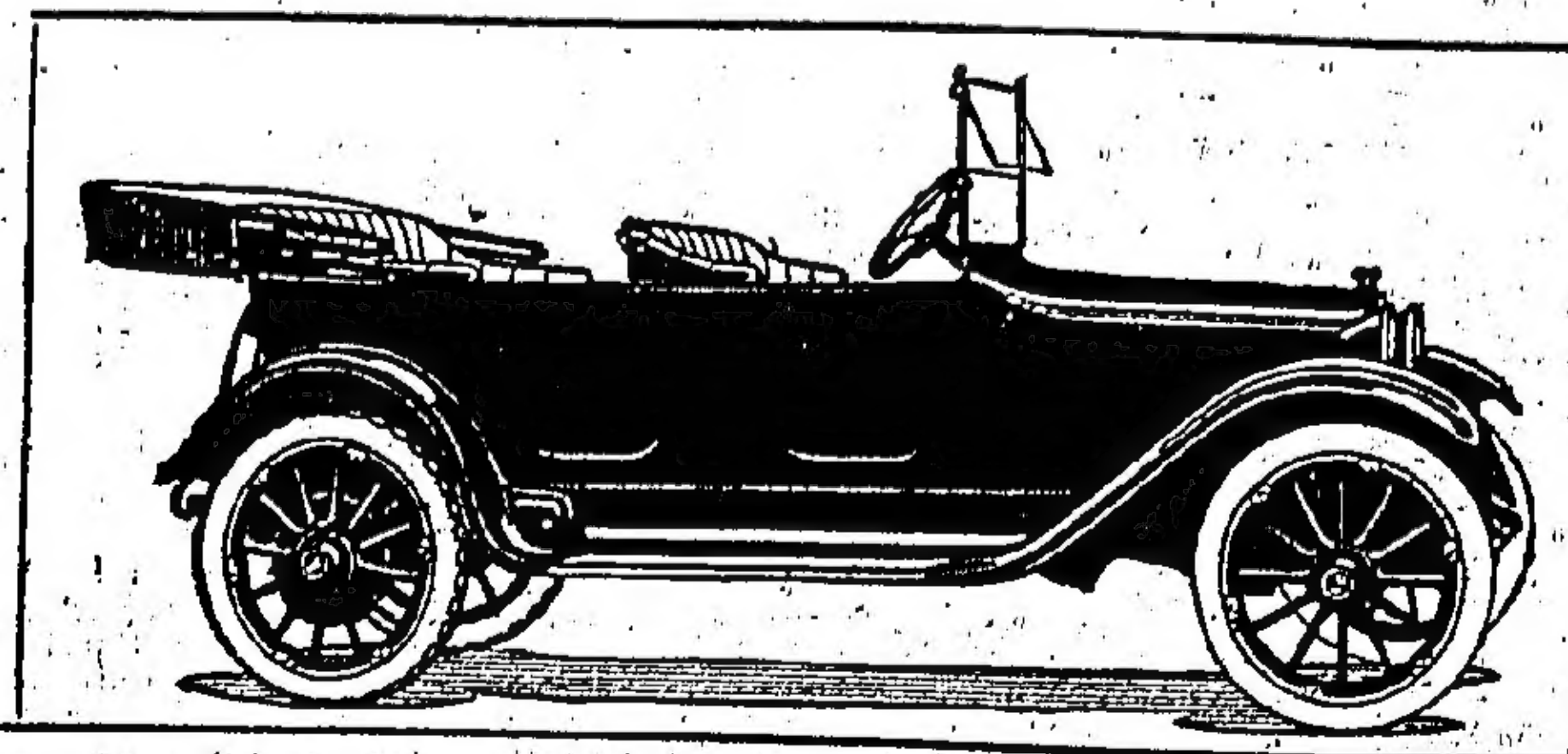
FROM MANILA.
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Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

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INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, June 10.

Japan—Per TOKIWA MARU.

WEDNESDAY, June 11.

U.S.A.—Per VENEZUELA.

Manila—Per FUSEIMA MARU.

FRIDAY, June 13.

U.S.A. Canada and Japan—Per PERSTA MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, June 10.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHIN HUA.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per NISHIDA MARU.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI.

HONG, 1 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per STENTOR.

Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Tuesday, June 10, at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, June 12.

Shanghai and North China—Per JUNGUNG, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via CANADA—Per EMPRESS OF ASIA.

Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, June 13.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINSEBAUG, 9 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per YOKOHAMA MARU.

Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, June 14.

Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per SADO MARU.

10 a.m.

Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin—Per EUEICHO, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, June 17.

Swatow and Straits—Per LINAN, 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HATTAN, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 21.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per NIKKO MARU, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, June 22.

Fortress via Keelung, Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via CANADA—Per FUSEIMA MARU.

Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, June 23.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per KITANO MARU, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, June 24.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 12 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 25.

Philippine Islands, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per TANGO MARU.

Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.20 a.m.

FRIDAY, June 27.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per TAMBA MARU.

Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

ARRIVALS.

June 9.

HANOL, French, 730 tons, from Haiphong. Capt. Morvan Lapicque, 27.

LOONGSANG, Brit., 1,033 tons, from Manila. Capt. Leask, J.M. & Co., 33.

SUNNING, Brit., 1,570 tons, from Shanghai and Amoy. Capt. Benson, B. & S., 32.

KANBU, Brit., 1,143 tons, from Shanghai. Capt. Robertson, B. & S., 318.

KWANG LEE, Chi., 1,488 tons, from Shanghai. Capt. Sangster, C.M.S.N. Co., 318.

TEAN, Brit., 1,351 tons, from Canton. Capt. Scott, B. & S., 338.

CLEARANCES.

June 9.

SORACHI MARU, Jap., 11 a.m., for Manila. M.B.E.

KANBU, Brit., 2 p.m., for Canton, B. & S.

SUNNING, Brit., 4 p.m., for Canton, B. & S.

TOYO MARU, No. 1, Jap., 9 p.m., for Hilo. J.M. & Co.

BANG, Chi., 8 a.m., for Hoihow, Shun Tai & Co.

SHUN SHING, Chi., 4.30 p.m., for K.C. Wan via Macao. Fo On Co.

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